
Introduced by Senator Corbett

May 29, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 125—Relative to the CHP Officers Frederick Wayne Enright and Adolfo Martinez Hernandez Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 125, as introduced, Corbett. CHP Officers Frederick Wayne Enright and Adolfo Martinez Hernandez Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate a portion of Interstate 680 in the County of Alameda as the CHP Officers Frederick Wayne Enright and Adolfo Martinez Hernandez Memorial Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officers Frederick
2 Wayne Enright and Adolfo Martinez Hernandez made the ultimate
3 sacrifice while performing their sworn duty and, in recognition
4 thereof, we pay special tribute to their bravery and dedication; and
5 WHEREAS, On June 27, 1975, the state suffered a tragic loss
6 when Officers Enright and Hernandez were killed in a helicopter
7 crash caused by mechanical failure; and
8 WHEREAS, Officer Frederick Wayne Enright was born August
9 27, 1944, to Francis Xavier and Mary Alice, in Louisiana, Missouri;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, Officer Enright graduated from Canoga Park High
12 School in Canoga Park, California, in 1962 and within one year

1 after graduation earned his Private Pilot License in Rotary Wing;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Before joining the Department of the California
4 Highway Patrol, Officer Enright worked at Von's Grocery Store,
5 and attended the Los Angeles Police Academy; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Enright served in the United States Army
7 from July 26, 1965, to January 31, 1970, during which time he
8 achieved the ranks of Chief Warrant Officer 2 and Army Aviator;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Enright married his best friend, Sheila
11 Frances Liddell, in July of 1968 and had a wonderful daughter,
12 Robyn Alise, born October 19, 1973; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Enright, badge number 7857, graduated
14 from the Department of the California Highway Patrol Academy
15 in March of 1972 with the Cadet Training Class V-71, and upon
16 graduation he was assigned to the West Valley Area; and

17 WHEREAS, After only six months with the Department of the
18 California Highway Patrol, Officer Enright achieved the rank of
19 Pilot and was transferred to the Golden Gate Division in the San
20 Francisco Bay Area; and

21 WHEREAS, As a helicopter pilot, Officer Enright responded
22 to numerous land and water rescue operations and routinely flew
23 commute traffic observation for bay area highways and freeways;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, During one of Officer Enright's patrols, he
26 encountered a drunk pilot, ordered him to land, and escorted him
27 to the ground, where the pilot was arrested. Not only was this a
28 dangerous encounter, but Officer Enright's helicopter suffered
29 power failure and he successfully landed it without damage or
30 injury. The Department of the California Highway Patrol
31 subsequently commended Officer Enright for his exceptional skill
32 and decisionmaking during this incident; and

33 WHEREAS, Officer Enright was a hard-working, dedicated
34 officer who loved his job and enjoyed the people who worked with
35 him. He was known for being a loyal family man and a wonderful
36 father and husband; and

37 WHEREAS, Officer Enright's greatest joys were his wife and
38 daughter. He had an incredible optimism, a great sense of
39 adventure, and enthusiasm for life. In his spare time, he enjoyed

1 listening to music, fishing, skiing, sports cars, motorcycles, and
2 boating; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Enright is admired by all who knew him
4 for his dedication to serving others and for a life well lived; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Enright was survived by his wife, Sheila,
6 daughter, Robyn, brothers, Terrence and Frank III, and sister,
7 Rosemary; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Adolfo Martinez Hernandez was born
9 September 27, 1940, to Tiburcio and Juana in Etiwanda, California,
10 and was one of 12 children; and

11 WHEREAS, Although Officer Hernandez grew up poor, and
12 oftentimes had to do his homework on an ironing board, he was
13 determined to get an education. He graduated from Fontana High
14 School in 1959 and attended Chaffey Community College; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Hernandez held several jobs before joining
16 the Department of the California Highway Patrol, including
17 working in the laboratory at Etiwanda Steel Plant; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Hernandez served in the United States
19 Army from July 30, 1962, to June 30, 1968, and achieved the rank
20 of Private First Class; and

21 WHEREAS, Officer Adolfo Martinez Hernandez married the
22 love of his life, Genevieve Catherine Gonzales, on June 24, 1967,
23 and had two wonderful children, Lisa Mercedes, born October 21,
24 1972, and Sebastian Heriberto, born May 10, 1974; and

25 WHEREAS, Officer Hernandez, badge number 4876, graduated
26 from the Department of the California Highway Patrol Academy
27 in 1966, and proudly served the residents of California for nine
28 years; and

29 WHEREAS, Officer Hernandez was a devoted officer, husband,
30 and father and was known for his big heart and immense love for
31 his family and friends, even when some of them were “unlovable”;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, In addition to spending time with his children,
34 Officer Hernandez enjoyed motorcycles, refurbishing a VW van,
35 making wood carvings, and creating leather items, such as wallets,
36 handbags, sandals, belts, and a special holder for his California
37 Highway Patrol badge. He also loved “do-it-yourself” projects and
38 built a bicycle seat for his then two-year-old daughter, a bike rack
39 for his car, and a bookcase and small end table that his son still
40 has in his home today; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Hernandez was admired for his devotion
2 to his family, his silly jokes, his commitment to duty and the
3 residents of California, his faithfulness, his honesty and integrity,
4 his pride in his Mexican heritage, and for the overall love and
5 admiration he had for his children; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Hernandez beamed when he introduced
7 his children to others as if he were the sole source in creating such
8 miracles; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Hernandez is survived by his wife,
10 Genevieve, his two children, Lisa and Sebastian, his grandchildren,
11 Isaiah Ishmael and Solomon Xavier, and his siblings, Manual,
12 George, Raymond, Anna, Armando, Marcelena, Victor, Louie,
13 and Magdalena; and

14 WHEREAS, In recognition of the contributions and sacrifice
15 of officers Frederick Wayne Enright and Adolfo Martinez
16 Hernandez in serving the Department of the California Highway
17 Patrol and the residents of California, it would be fitting to
18 designate a portion of Interstate 680 in Alameda County as the
19 CHP Officers Frederick Wayne Enright and Adolfo Martinez
20 Hernandez Memorial Bridge in their honor; and

21 WHEREAS, Through adoption of Assembly Concurrent
22 Resolution 100 (Resolution Chapter Number 109, Statutes of 2012),
23 the Legislature designated the Grimmer Boulevard Bridge in the
24 City of Fremont, County of Alameda, on Interstate 680 in memory
25 of Officers Enright and Hernandez; and

26 WHEREAS, The Legislature now desires, instead, to designate
27 a portion of Interstate 680 at Auto Mall Parkway in the County of
28 Alameda in memory of Officers Enright and Hernandez; now,
29 therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
32 Interstate 680 bridge that crosses Auto Mall Parkway in the County
33 of Alameda as the CHP Officers Frederick Wayne Enright and
34 Adolfo Martinez Hernandez Memorial Bridge; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the designation in memory of Officers Enright
36 and Hernandez made by Assembly Concurrent Resolution 100
37 (Resolution Chapter Number 109, Statutes of 2012) is hereby
38 rescinded; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
40 to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent

1 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
2 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations
3 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
4 be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
6 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
7 for appropriate distribution.

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